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Applicants : MICHAEL KRATZER and VOLKER VON DER GOLTZ  
Serial No. : TO BE ASSIGNED  
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For : THROUGHFLOW DEVICE FOR MEASURING  
PLATELET FUNCTION OF PRIMARY HEMOSTASIS,  
AGGREGATION AND/OR COAGULATION AND/OR  
VISCOSITY OF BLOOD  
Customer No. : 010037

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
patent application as follows: